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ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN METHODS OF PAYMENT
TO THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE**

CINDY MURRAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-8-11 the Common Council of the City of Lafayette may establish what types of financial instrument may be used for payments to be made to the City of Lafayette;

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette has received requests to accept payment by credit cards and other methods to pay outstanding water/sewage bills, fees for permits, fines levied and other required payments to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that allowing payment by credit cards will increase the efficient collection of payments to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Lafayette as follows:

1. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-8-11, the City of Lafayette is hereby authorized to accept the following types of financial instruments for payment:
 - a. Cash
 - b. Check
 - c. Bank Draft
 - d. Money Order
 - e. Bank Card/Debit Card
 - f. Credit Card
 - g. Electronic Fund Transfer
2. The Controller has the authority to determine if, and under what circumstances, to accept for payment any of the financial instruments listed above as he, in his discretion, believes is in the best financial interest of the City.
3. If the City incurs any charge for the use of any type of financial instrument set forth above, the City may collect a sum equal to the amount of the charge from the person or entity that uses the financial instrument.
4. If recovery of the full amount of the charge for the use of any type of financial instrument incurred by the City is not permitted under any contract or other agreement with a credit card or bank card vendor, the City may absorb the charges, provided, however, that collection of fees is applied uniformly to all types of credit card or bank card payments.

5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and execution by the Mayor.

Adopted and passed this 1 day of March, 2010.

Melissa Weast Williamson
Melissa Weast Williamson, President

Attest:
Cindy Murray
Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, this 1 day of March, 2010, for his signature and approval.

Cindy Murray
Cindy Murray, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me on this 1 day of March, 2010.

Tony Roswarski
Tony Roswarski, Mayor

Attest:
Cindy Murray
Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Tony Roswarski, Mayor